

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...subject to the penalty?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, it says in that section that, with whom the child resides or legal guardian. So, whoever the...which ever parent has the child at the time would be responsible, Senator.

SENATOR HABERMAN: They're both legal guardians.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, with whomever he's living at that time.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Although he brought his dog over for a visit then.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well then I guess that parent that is in control at the time of the visit will be responsible.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You're very welcome.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any other discussion on the bill? If not, Senator Dierks, would you care to close?

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will. I appreciate the questions, I think they're valid, every one of them, Senator Haberman and Senator Moore. I appreciate that. Just in closing I'd like to tell you about a little experience I had that helped bring me to this bill. During the very recent farm program difficulties, when farmers were being foreclosed on and there was a lot of problems out there in rural Nebraska, I was inspecting an auction market at O'Neill one day, and a man brought in a truckload of hogs that had been physically abused. Actually, the sheriff brought the hogs in. They had to have Highway Patrol and sheriff out to load the hogs because the original owner was not cooperating and had, in fact, abused these hogs by hitting them with boards and two by fours. And I saw hogs come off that truck with eyes put out, with broken legs, with bumps and bruises all over their body, the whole truckload was that way. It was just a disgusting situation. I couldn't believe that anybody would allow that to happen, let alone do it. I think that we need to have something in our statutes that can prevent that, because we don't today, but we will with the legislation. So I would just ask your favorable